

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 28, 33, 42, 46, 49, 52, and 54-57. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

Claim 28 (currently amended): ~~An imaging~~ A communication apparatus comprising:

- a) a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard;
- b) a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard; and
- c) a control unit coupled to said first and second communication interface, ~~adapted to set said first communication interface in a passive state, which may not be used to communicate with another apparatus, and to set said second communication interface in an active state, which may be used to communicate with another apparatus;~~ if said first communication interface detects that another apparatus is disconnected from said first communication interface when said second communication interface is in an inactive state,
wherein said second communication interface is capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when said second communication interface is set in the

active state, and said second communication interface is not capable of being used to communication with another apparatus when said second communication interface is set in the inactive state.

Claims 29-31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard.

Claim 33 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said ~~imaging communication~~ apparatus ~~is a video camera~~ includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication interface, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication interface.

Claim 34 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 35 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claims 36-41 (canceled)

Claim 42 (currently amended): A method of controlling ~~an imaging a~~
communication apparatus that includes a first communication interface, which conforms to a first communication standard, and a second communication interface, which conforms to a second communication standard different from the first communication standard, said method comprising the step of:

~~setting the first communication interface in a passive state, which may not be used to communicate with another apparatus, and setting the second communication interface in an active state, which may be used to communicate with another apparatus, if the first communication interface detects that another apparatus is disconnected from the first communication apparatus~~ when the second communication interface is in an inactive state,

wherein the second communication interface is capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when the second communication interface is set in the active state, and the second communication interface is not capable of being used to communicate with another apparatus when the second communication interface is set in the inactive state.

Claim 46 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 28, wherein said control unit ~~sets said first communication interface in the active state and sets said second communication interface in the passive~~ inactive state, if said first communication interface

detects that another apparatus is connected to said first communication interface when said second communication interface is in the active state.

Claim 47 (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 46, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 48 (previously presented): A method according to claim 42, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE1394 standard.

Claim 49 (currently amended): A method according to claim 42, wherein the imaging communication apparatus is a video camera includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication interface, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first and second communication interface.

Claim 50 (previously presented): A method according to claim 42, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 51 (previously presented): A method according to claim 48, wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 52 (currently amended): A method according to claim 42, further comprising the step of:

~~setting the first communication interface in the active state and~~ setting the second communication interface in the ~~passive~~ inactive state, if the first communication interface detects that another apparatus is connected to the first communication interface when the second communication interface is in the active state.

Claim 53 (previously presented): A method according to claim 52, wherein the first communication standard is an IEEE 1394 standard, and wherein the second communication standard is one of a RS-232C standard, a RS-422 standard, and a USB standard.

Claim 54 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the ~~imaging communication apparatus is a video camera~~ includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication interface, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication interface.

Claim 55 (currently amended): An apparatus according to claim 47, wherein the ~~imaging communication apparatus is a video camera~~ includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication interface, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication interface.

Claim 56 (currently amended): A method according to claim 51, wherein the imaging communication apparatus is a video camera includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication interface, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication interface.

Claim 57 (currently amended): A method according to 53, wherein the imaging communication apparatus is a video camera includes a video signal processing unit coupled to the first and second communication interface, and adapted to process a video signal being provided to the first or second communication interface.